Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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I am very happy to see the recommendation in lines 1078-79 that a split septum device be used rather than a mechanical device. We have dropped our NICU line rates from a high in 2008 of 34% to zero since February 2009 in our under 32 week gestation population. Our only change was to convert from the B Braun needleless Ultrasite mechanical valve to the BD Q-Syte split septum. It is smaller, easier to clean, and provides a clear pathway that the mechanical devices do not offer. We will reach our 1 year mark in February of 2010 and plan to publish our data at that time. We are more than thrilled with our results.

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